OCS Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, and Development Process



Pre-lease

Develop 5-Year Program (HQ Responsibility)

Request For Information 45-day Comment Period Draft
Proposed
Program
Published
NOI for PEIS

60-Day Comment Period on Program 45-60-Day

45-60-Day
Scoping
Comment
Period

Program

Draft PEIS
Published

90-Day Comment Period on Program

45-90-Day Comment Period on PEIS

Final EIS

Published

Proposed

Notice

Proposed 60-Day Period for Congress

Final PEIS Published Final 5-Year Program Announced

Record of Decision

Planning for Specific Oil and Gas Lease Sale (Regional Responsibility)

Call for Information Published

45-Day Comment Period Define Sale Area

Draft EIS Published 45-90-Day Comment Period

Proposed

Program

Environmental Consultations States

30-Day Comment Period

60-Day Comment Period 90-Day

Review

Final Notice of Sale Published

30-Day Period Fair Market Value Analysis

Sale

Held

Leases Issued

Post Lease

Exploration Plan Approval (Regional Responsibility)

Exploration Plan Submitted

Environmental Assessment 90-Day CZM Review Exploration Plan Review APD
Decision
Permits
Granted

Exploration
Drilling
Starts

First
Exploration
Well (s)
Completed

Delineation Well Drilling

Development and Production Plan Approval (Regional Responsibility)

Development & Production Plan Submitted

Company Submits CZM Consistency Certification BOEM
Prepares
NEPA
Analysis

CZM Consistency
Concurrence from State

Then Development and **Production Plan Decision**

Production Well Application First
Oil/Gas
Production



Five Year Program Analysis and Decision Documents Process Phases

Section 18 of OCS Lands Act	NEPA
I - Request for Information (RFI) is the first step in the mandated program preparation process. BOEM publishes a Federal Register notice simply requesting comments on the eight required balancing factors and any other specific issues from interested parties on all 26 OCS planning areas. No Specific Proposal is put forth.	
II – In the <u>Draft Proposed Program (DPP) Decision Document</u> information on all 26 OCS planning areas is presented; a draft proposal of the schedule of lease sales for the program is presented (narrowing from 26 planning areas); BOEM is required to seek comments from Governors. In addition, BOEM solicits comments from interested parties. <i>Once the areas are narrowed, they cannot be expanded without either starting over with the entire Five-Year Program Development Process or an act of Congress.</i>	Publication of Notice of Intent to prepare PEIS followed by scoping comment period and public meetings
III - <u>Proposed Program (PP)</u> is the second program proposal Decision Document and is still in draft form. BOEM is required to submit the published PP to Congress, the Attorney General and Governors also, BOEM requests comments from all interested parties.	Publication of Draft PEIS followed by comment period and public meetings
IV - <u>Proposed Final Program (PFP)</u> is the third program proposal Decision Document; BOEM is required to submit this proposed leasing program to the President and Congress. BOEM provides for summary of all comments from States (including local governments) and Federal agencies and reasons why any recommendations from Governors, local governments or the Attorney General were not accepted.	Final PEIS is published followed by a Record of Decision